

Flame on the Water

Celebrate Diversity



Question with Integrity



Build Justice



June 2025
Freedom

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We welcome Rev Tom
Bozeman May 31-June 1.

May Adult Forums

6/1/25: Kate Amick, Executive
Director, Common Ground. Common
Ground helps with housing and
guidance for people in need.

6/8/25: Sophia Warden. Sophia
advises on Missouri state rights and
accountability.

6/15/25: Janice Leroux, "Earth Bound
Awakening" Janice offers life coaching
and safe-space guidance.

6/22/25: Richard McGonegal, the
former editor of the New Tribune will
share information about his latest
book.

6/29/25: Nasruddeen. "Nas" Al Awwal,
"Islamic charity." Charity is one of the
"Pillars of Islam." "Nas" is Patt
Behler's "adapted grandson."

**If you would like to schedule a forum,
please see Frank Rycyk @ 573-636-2135**

Freedom & Imagination By Frank Rycyk

We recently heard from a speaker discussing “imagination.” He pointed out that international borders are “imaginary.” This has been my position for some time. What does this have to do with “Freedom”? The minister believes that borders are imaginary. Frank Rycyk believes that borders are imaginary. Tell it to the border guard. His beliefs may be different.

The more the idea spreads that borders are imaginary, the more Freedom of motion we will have.

Imagination can lead to
Freedom!
There is always hope.

Religious Education, 10:30 am

Children attending are welcome to join RE instructor Dr Samantha Porter for a lesson during the service hour.

Quotes on Freedom

“Some birds are not meant to be caged, that's all. Their feathers are too bright, their songs too sweet and wild. So you let them go, or when you open the cage to feed them they somehow fly out past you. And the part of you that knows it was wrong to imprison them in the first place rejoices, but still, the place where you live is that much more drab and empty for their departure.”

— Stephen King, [Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption](#)

“The most important kind of freedom is to be what you really are. You trade in your reality for a role. You trade in your sense for an act. You give up your ability to feel, and in exchange, put on a mask. There can't be any large-scale revolution until there's a personal revolution, on an individual level. It's got to happen inside first.”

— Jim MORRISON

“I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will.”

— Charlotte Brontë, [Jane Eyre](#)

“Freeing yourself was one thing, claiming ownership of that freed self was another.”

— Toni Morrison, [Beloved](#)

Freedom

By [Langston Hughes](#)

Freedom will not come

Today, this year

Nor ever

Through compromise and fear.

I have as much right

As the other fellow has

To stand

On my two feet

And own the land.

I tire so of hearing people say,

Let things take their course.

Tomorrow is another day.

I do not need my freedom when I'm dead.

I cannot live on tomorrow's bread.

Freedom

Is a strong seed

Planted

In a great need.

I live here, too.

I want my freedom

Just as you.

Lunch - after services-

If you would like to join other members and friends for lunch, watch for postings and announcements, or ask about each week's lunch location. If you have a particular place you'd like to recommend, please let us know.

Chair Yoga with Alberta
Every Tuesday
@ 11 am
by donation

Caring Committee

Contact Mary Jo LaCorte at: uufjc1@gmail.com for assistance

Please submit your Joys & Concerns to our website:

<http://uufjc.org/joys--concerns.html> by noon on Friday or on paper forms for in-person contributions as early as possible on Sunday mornings.

Insight Meditation

Thursday evenings at 7 pm, a meditation group led by Joe McCormack meets weekly in our building, when possible. Contact Bob Antweiler.

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